



Cornell Medical College Study - NY

For every elder abuse case reported to a mandated enforcement agency, the survey found, 23.5 unreported cases occurred. What's more, for each case of financial abuse of elders reported to authorities, 43.9 actually occurred - and 57.2 cases of neglect occurred.

<http://www.lifespan-roch.org/documents/UndertheRadar051211.pdf>

Reference: Official Prevalence Elder Abuse Study, May 2011

Victim Impact

- Bankrupt - emotionally, physically, and spiritually
- Loss of Independence.
- Loss of Assets.
- Health deterioration.
- Irreversible setback.

Fact:

Mortality rate is 3 times greater
for an elderly victim.

Quality of Health Impact

- Increase in Stress –
 - High blood pressure;
 - Anxiety, Panic attacks;
 - Chest pains
 - Worry, depression
 - Shame, guilt
 - Eat Less, use medications, alcohol
 - Difficulty sleeping
 - Withdrawal

Consequences

- Premature Death
- Nursing Home Placement
- Increase in Emergency Room Visits
- Hospitalization
- Hospice/Home Health
- Quality of Life
- Guardianship

Alabama Council for the Prevention of Elder Abuse

MISSION:

To strengthen partnerships to protect our elders; and to improve and raise awareness for elders through education, advocacy, and outreach.

Elder Justice & Advocacy Program

- OLDER AMERICAN ACT – TITLE VII PROGRAM
- Coordinate the Council for the Prevention of Elder Abuse.
- Raise Community Awareness & Outreach.
- Conduct local Town Hall meetings.
- Serve as an Information and Referral Conduit.
- Establish “Speakers Bureau to train Professionals”.
- Establish a Community Volunteer Program.
- Increase Access to services.

Council Goals & Objectives

- Protect the rights of elders in Alabama;
- Promote and enhance coordination between agencies;
- Identify service -communication gaps between agencies;
- Strengthen the current reporting systems;
- Increase the knowledge and skills of professionals;
- Develop a statewide advocacy, education, and outreach campaign.

Elder Financial Security

- Nearly 1/3 of people aged 60+ are economically insecure (36%) - 1 of every 3.
- 1/3 of senior households do not have ANY money left over each month.
- 3/4 of seniors are financially vulnerable.
- 77% of people over 65 depend on their Social Security for all or most of their monthly income.

Access to Services

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| □ Prescription drugs | □ In-home services |
| □ Energy assistance | □ Tax relief |
| □ Financial | □ Transportation |
| □ Legal | □ Educational assistance |
| □ Health care | □ Employment |
| □ Social Security | □ Volunteer services |
| □ Housing | □ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP)/Food Stamps |

How can you Help?

- Educate elders BEFORE they are targeted.
- Have an open and honest discussion.
- Use “real life” examples.
- Report any suspect activity.
- Encourage elders to take time making decisions.
- Encourage elders to ASK questions.
- Direct your clients to contact DHR, AG, ADSS.

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